ryots that every tank should have bunds and every channel should have banks. These have to be recorded as poramboke to prevent encroachments on them which are now found to be frequent.

In regard to the rate, it is fixed in reference to the trees standing on such porambokes. Each case will be disposed of on its merits and all possible relief afforded.

**38. Desirability of registering bunds on the sides of paddy fields and the trees standing on them in the names of the owners of adjacent lands.**

*Mr. R. Narayana Iyer* (*Kottarakara*) said that the owners of wet lands generally put up bunds on the sides of their fields and planted trees on them. The Settlement department treated such bunds as poramboke and registered them in the names of whomsoever they might choose. He requested that this mode of indiscriminate registry might be stopped and the lands and trees registered in the names of their owners.

*Mr. Kanakku Parameswaran Krishnan* (*Kottarakara*) also spoke on the same subject.

*Reply.*—This statement does not correspond with the existing practice and rules. But if any concrete instance is brought to notice, it will receive attention.

**39. Introduction of some measure to avoid loss to the ryots consequent upon the filing of numerous civil suits from the hasty decisions of settlement supervisors.**

*Mr. N. Govinda Pillai* (*Kunnattur*) said that temporary supervisors were deputed from different departments for settlement work and their decisions were both hasty and unsatisfactory. The poor ryots could not seek redress in civil courts as the cost was prohibitive. The member requested that some measures might be devised to afford relief in this matter.

*Reply.*—The general principles of the new scheme of settlement were discussed last year. Government did not then consider that any interference was called for, nor does the present statement appear to be correct as a general rule. Individual cases of error may be rectified on the spot. If the party is not satisfied and goes to court, it cannot be helped. Correctness of decision will be enforced as far as possible and efficient supervision exercised.

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